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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 20, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.